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Bass club going to nationals

Hattie Kemp
Copy Editor

University Bass Club members caught a big one: a chance to compete in a national fishing tournament.

Seniors Tyler Fisher, a business management major from Flint, and Matthew McClellan, a kinesiology major from Tyler, are scheduled to participate on April 7-9 in the 2011 National Guard FLW College Fishing National Championship in Kentucky.

Fisher and McClellan qualified by finishing in the top five at the National Guard FLW College Fishing Texas Division Regional Championship on Sam Rayburn Reservoir in Nacogdoches held in October.

Participating in the tournament for the first time, they beat teams from Louisiana State University-Shreveport and Stephen F. Austin State University among others.

Jameson Adams, recreational sports program coordinator, said competing in this tournament was great exposure for the University.

"It was our first big competition, and it was nice we were able to perform so well."

Fisher said the tournament rules allowed each two-man team to catch and weigh in three fish per day per member, with the object being to accumulate the most weight.

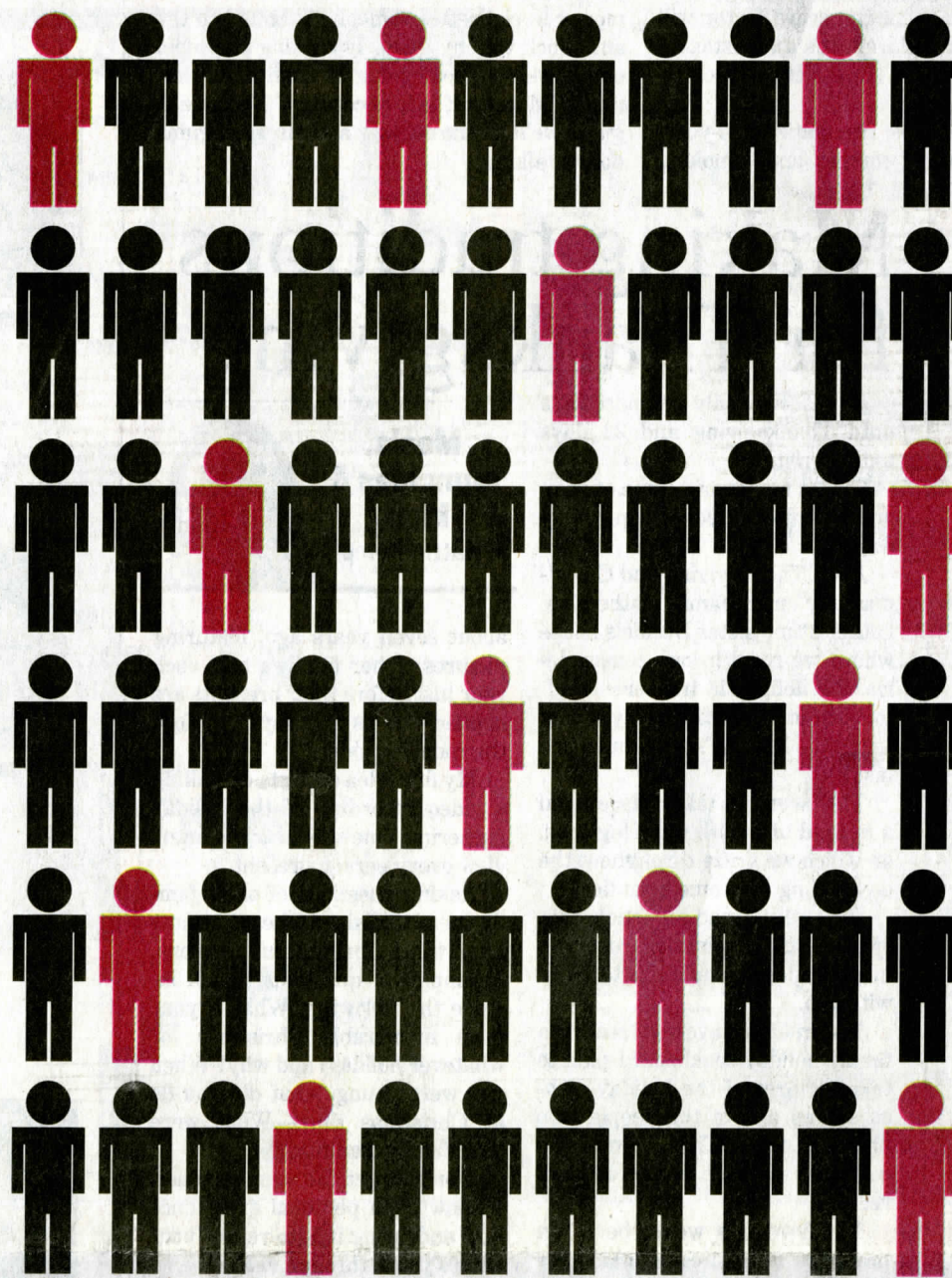
He said by the end of the first day, he and McClellan were in eighth place with a total of 12 pounds.

He said they knew by the end of the second day of fishing with a total of 21 pounds, they had qualified for the national tournament. He said knowing this made the last day of competition more relaxed.

"The pressure was off, and we just went fishing," he said.

State Deficit

leaves grant future in question



TALON >> Jake Waddingham

Jeff Chandler, right, finished 122nd at the Div. III national cross country race in Waverly, Iowa on Saturday. Chandler earned a spot in the race after finishing fourth in the Regional race last weekend.

Chandler stumbles to 122nd place

Patriots runner Jeff Chandler finishes 122nd at national race

By Jake Waddingham
Sports Editor

Jeff Chandler rolled through the first mile in 4:45 minutes with the front pack at the NCAA Division III national meet in Waverly, Iowa, but bad luck struck at the second mile mark to finish 122nd.

At the first mile, Chandler said he felt comfortable

ing," he said.
Fisher said Lamar University won first place, with Texas A&M University finishing second.
"We placed third overall, missing out on second place by only three ounces," he said. "That cost us a lot of money. We won \$11,000, but

BASS CLUB >> 7

Nursing graduates score big

All summer grads pass licensure exam

Jacob Bremer
Staff Writer

Summer nursing graduates claimed a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam, the highest percentage in the state of Texas.

Dr. Linda Klotz, professor and dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, described the format of the exam, which is required for students hoping to become a registered nurse.

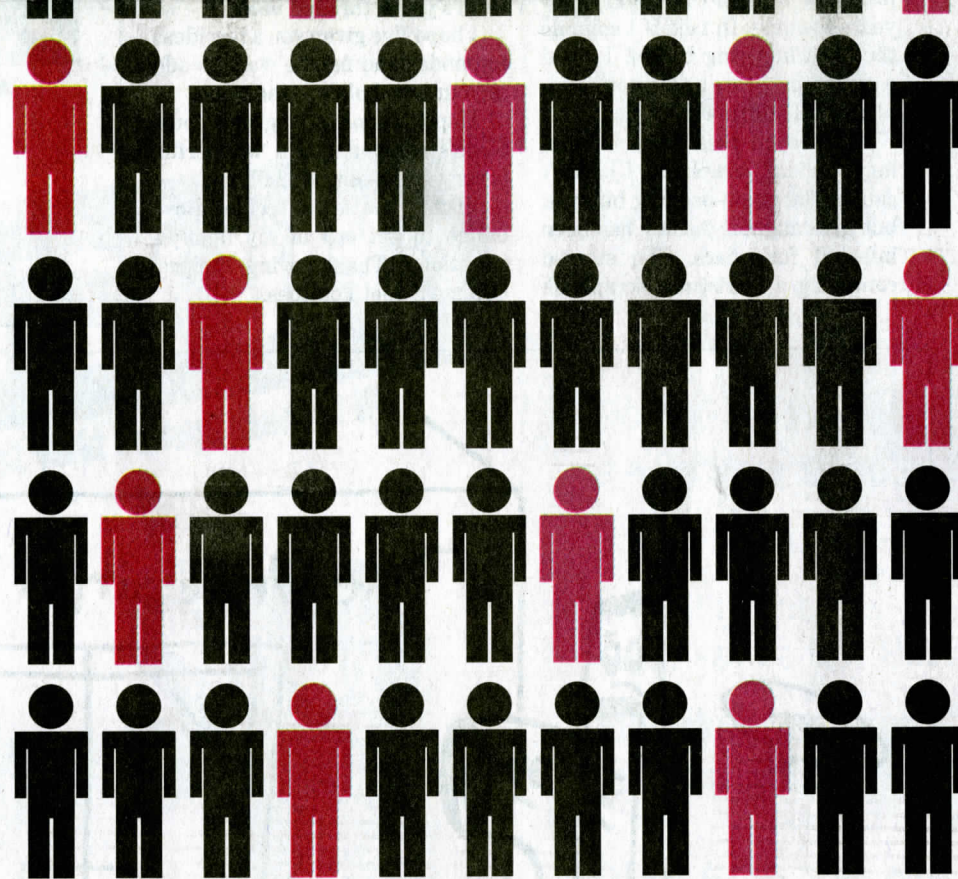
"It's a multiple-choice and short-answer question exam designed to test their knowledge and safety as new practitioners," Klotz said. "All questions are at the application level or higher and require the students to synthesize knowledge from multiple areas ... and apply it to patient-care situations."

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing is responsible for developing the exam and determining where and by whom it can be administered. Students apply for the exam through PersonVue, a web-based testing resource.

"Testing centers are strict with their rules, and the tests are closely monitored when being taken," Klotz said.

Getting ready for this exam is not an easy task, but professors do all they can to help students prepare, she said.

"The whole nursing curriculum is a preparation for the exam," Klotz said. "All of the classes have examinations where the students must apply their knowledge to case studies. Many of the courses use Tegrity (recording software), so the students can review the lecture at any time."



Ratio of students who could lose financial aid through the TEXAS Grant next session due to the projected \$58 billion state budget deficit.

TEXAS Grant could see cuts next session

Kamren Thompson
Editor in chief

Brandy Borque
Staff Writer

The largest financial-aid program in Texas may face drastic cuts in the upcoming legislative session due to a state-budget deficit that could range from \$18 to \$25 million.

State officials requested in a May 27 memorandum all state agencies submit a budget proposal reflecting a possible 10-percent reduction, in addition to a request for general-revenue funds.

As a result, the Toward Excellence, Access and Success Grant may be available to 24,000 fewer students over the next two years, according to the Formula Funding Recommendations

for the 2012-2023 Biennium proposed by Dr. Raymund Paredes, the Texas commissioner of higher education.

"I think the TEXAS Grant is a headline program for providing financial aid for students in our state," A.W. "Whit" Riter, member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the University development board, said. "We don't currently have enough money allocated to fund all the needs in the state. So obviously, if TEXAS Grant is cut, it will hurt students who depend on that for part of their education."

The Texas Legislature passed the grant in 1999, to help ensure high-school graduates receive funding for higher education, and since then, it has awarded up to \$6,080 per academic

BUDGET >> 4

At the first mile, Chandler said he felt comfortable with being out in front because he was able to avoid running in a pack of runners and getting stuck.

Nearing the backside of the Max Cross Country Course, Chandler found himself in a large group of runners jockeying for position.

"As we started to go down the hill, there was a left turn," Chandler said. "There were a lot of elbows being thrown and guys pushing, trying to get position."

Another runner clipped Chandler's shoe, causing him to fall forward. Some runners fell with him; others were able to avoid the collision.

Chandler scrambled to get back up, pulled back on his shoe, and settled back into the race.

Within a half mile, Chandler got tangled up with another group of runners and fell again, but was able to recover from the second fall quickly.

After the race, Chandler discovered a large cut across his left forearm from one for the two falls.

NATIONALS >> 6

Event raises money for injured alum

Sarah Baker
Pulse Editor

A fish fry conducted at Glenwood Church of Christ on Nov. 10 benefited an alumna paralyzed from a July accident.

Keisha Whistler fell backwards six feet after a chair buckled out from under her, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down and unable to teach.

"The (fish fry) money is going towards my family to help pay the medical bills until I go back to teaching," Whistler said.

The most difficult hardship to overcome from her injuries is "starting from scratch again. There's so much in one step. We take so much for granted," she said.

The fish fry organized by a group of parents from

BENEFIT >> 4



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University game club organized

>>Michael Hale loves to play games, and he's not alone. Hale established the UT Tyler Game Club to satisfy his insatiable desire to conquer dragons on a weekly basis.



Enrollment services

>>Rosemary Cooper, assistant director of financial aid and scholarships at, has been named director of enrollment services.

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Tobacco labels get gruesome makeover

Smoking is a self-inflicted public-health issue in our county.

On every pack and carton of cigarettes sold in the U.S. is a label from the Surgeon General warning about possible effects from smoking.

Even though the smoking rate is down to 20 percent from 40 percent in 1970, the tobacco industry still makes about \$6.8 billion a year from cigarette sales, regardless of their dangerous physical result.

In 2006, American consumers spent a whopping \$83.6 billion on cigarettes, according to annual reports from the Centers for Disease control.

People know it's bad to smoke but do it anyway.

Now, Food and Drug Administration officials have decided to do something about smoking in America.

By June, FDA administrators hope to redesign cigarette packs to feature diseased lungs, corpses and rotted teeth to deter people from smoking.

That should work, right?

Maybe? It's up in the air as to how nasty pictures on cigarette packs will actually steer someone away from smoking, but FDA ex-

Food for Thought

Bianca See



ecutives are hoping this will work. I figure for some people this will have an effect, since most don't like to carry around pictures of diseased gums.

But what's stopping someone from buying the cigarettes and then throwing the box away or covering up the label?

Is a 20-year veteran smoker going to care that someone slapped a picture of a dead guy and some cautionary words onto his pack of cigarettes? I'm not sure he or she will.

On the other hand, recreational smokers might not want to go through all that trouble, but if they don't buy cigarettes as often, then this ceases to be a problem.

However, I do think the scare factor will work for younger children. It's a realistic, albeit dramatic, image of the effects of smoking on the body.

That said, perhaps traumatizing 5-year-olds with pictures of corpses and "smoking

will kill you" in bold letters isn't the best way to say smoking is bad for you.

But will FDA officials stop with just cigarettes? What about all the other addictive behaviors that Americans have, like eating for example?

Why don't they put up pictures of someone having gastric-bypass surgery right beside a Big Mac? Or even better, the picture of the actual fat people consume when they eat that double Whopper with cheese?

Maybe a severed diabetic foot next to a photo of those sugar-infused Frappuccinos everyone loves so much? If they're going for gruesome as a deterrent, the possibilities are endless.

This tactic FDA administrators are trying to enact is honorable. Smoking is quite the dirty habit, and it would be best if smokers quit. But whether the public wants to, rather than needs to, is another issue.

That, and the fact that there is so much money in cigarettes someone is bound to try and block this by June. Is making the label on cigarettes gross going to change all that much? Moreover, is it necessary? By June, I guess we'll let the corpses and diseased gums do the talking.

Breaking down the boredom blues proves challenging

Sorry, did you say something?

Nobody wants to be the boring person (also known as TBP). You know, the person who is so in love with the sound of his or her own voice

he or she can only go a few seconds without hearing it? It's like a crack addiction. Not that I actually know about crack addictions, other than the countless hours I have spent watching "Intervention." Anyway, there are a few different categories of these people: the academic bore, the advice fairy and the storyteller.

First, the academic bores. They are hell bent on sharing their sweet nuggets of knowledge with everyone they meet, and nothing says captive audience like the classroom. Unsatisfied with the normal time allowed to respond to a question, they often talk over the instructor or their fellow classmates in an effort to get the coveted last word.

If you are really lucky, they use catch phrases of intellectual-sounding words over and over in an attempt to shock and awe. The only thing that happens is they shock and bore the people listening until everyone in the class looks like victims of a sleep-deprivation study.

You can spot other victims of the academic bore on the way to class by their gallon-sized Starbucks cups. Sadly, many of them have lost their homes, cars and families because of the immense debt they ran up in coffee bills, simply trying to stay awake. It's a devastating thing.

Their fellow classmates must resort to pulling out their own

The Flip Side

Tina Bausinger



Making traditions for Thanksgiving

Countdown: only two more days until Thanksgiving and 32 days until Christmas.

This is my favorite time of year, and like most of you, I can hardly wait.

Each Thanksgiving and Christmas, my entire family gathers together at my sister Beckie's house where we revel in our camaraderie. We delight in irreverent buffoonery and are constantly trying to top the last one's good-humored insults.

This scenario takes place amid a myriad of mouth-watering food, on which we graze throughout the day fueling our comedic antics.

Recently, I read an article that sparked my imagination, resulting in a few ideas I would like to share with you.

My first idea involves creating a family holiday cookbook. I plan to take pictures of the holiday dishes served and of the people who prepared them. Then, I want the cooks to send me copies of their recipes.

I believe this would be a fun project and one I could add to for years to come. In fact, if I compile

Meals, Munchies & More

Hattie Kemp



about seven years ago, featuring pictures of her family's tree each year just before their presents are opened—or as she says, "Before the room explodes."

My final idea consists of making a video recording of the holiday gathering. One should try to interview every person present.

Asking questions of older family members should be of utmost importance for obvious reasons. Examples of questions to ask include the following: What is your most memorable Christmas (or whatever holiday) and why? When you were young, what did you do at Christmas time? What were your family traditions?

Don't forget the younger ones. I know from personal experience how endearing it is to revisit your child's youth through video.

I hope I've given you a few ideas

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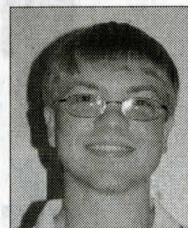
Should the campus be smoke-free?



SPECK

“Yes, I don't think people who are health conscious should be exposed to secondhand smoke.”

» Rachael Speck, marketing major



BURLESON

“No, it would be prohibitive for the smokers on campus. It's not like they have a disease that non-smokers will catch or anything.”

» John Burleson, accounting major



TORRES

“No, because smoking is a personal choice, but I do feel designated places should be enforced, but we should not restrict smokers.”

» Jordan Torres, marketing major



“It should be because it would be a healthier environment for everyone. Some people can be allergic to smoke, and it creates an uncom-

Their fellow classmates must resort to pulling out their own arm hair in a desperate attempt to stay awake and/or to keep from killing themselves. Unfortunately, many students are casualties every semester. May they rest in peace.

Moving on to the advice fairies. Always there when you are stressed out, they have all the answers. Child rearing? Check. Auto maintenance? Check. Having trouble with a paper? Ding! They once wrote a paper about that very topic, and it was, of course, an A. The advice always seems to be in the form of a passive-aggressive statement about your laziness.

"Oh well, I would have started my paper last summer."

Lastly, we have the storytellers.

They really want you to know about their wild sides. This (school, job or whatever) is not their only life, you know. They want to regale you with torrid tales and pulse-thumping adventures. What will it be now? Stories of their rock-climbing exploits over Everest? Bow hunting in the Serengeti? Did you hear about the time they canoed down the Yukon, while simultaneously fighting off bears? Wait, I think I'm confusing that story with that Sarah Palin reality-show commercial. Sorry about that. But you get the picture.

What the boring people have in common is they either have no social skills that let them know that people are bored, or else they just don't care.

For example, they don't notice when people are feigning death when they start to say, "So did I tell you about the time ..." They also miss key boredom signs, such as yawning or the trapped rabbit eyes, as the listener searches for the nearest exit.

When they are spotted in the hallways, boring people don't think it's odd that people often hurl themselves out of windows.

I'm not one to present a problem without a solution.

If you can't run, plan. For example, try to find out well in advance what classes the academic bores are planning on taking next semester. Then, avoid those classes as if your life depended on it. I'm not saying to not take the class if it's going to affect your graduation. That's up to you. I'd consider it though.

Avoid their hangouts. For instance, if you know they work at Dairy Queen, I'd give up Blizzards, indefinitely.

When trying to work through the idea for this column, I was talking to a friend at work. Although I noticed that his eyes began glazing over, I still plunged on. I was almost finished when I saw him looking over my shoulder. That was so rude.

"Come on, Jim, focus," I said. He looked at me with that semi-suicidal, comatose look, and I knew I had to let him go.

Hey, where are you going?

years to come. In fact, if I compile the book in a ring binder, I could easily incorporate each year's supplemental information.

My second idea entails creating a holiday scrapbook. I haven't caught the scrap-booking bug yet, but my daughter Ashley has been infected for years. She started compiling a Christmas scrapbook

I hope I've given you a few ideas to ponder and maybe want to add to your own holiday traditions.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone! Here's wishing you a wonderful, turkey-coma-induced holiday.

Visit "Hattie's Recipe Box" online to get one of my family's traditional Thanksgiving recipes, Orange Sweet Potatoes.



MATA

creates an uncomfortable and gross environment."

» Amy Mata, education major

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Addiction in Student Life

Part 3 of a series



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Addiction to technology most prevalent for college-aged

Lea Rittenhouse
Staff writer

Many students spend hours on their cell phones, on the Internet and playing video games, seeking entertainment, resources and friendship.

Richard Sarmiento, senior kinesiology major, said he spends a lot of time playing video games.

"I would stay up till like three in the morning," Sarmiento said. "I would play till I beat it."

He said he used to play role-play video games such as Final Fantasy, in high school that took hours to play.

"I used to be like that one guy who would play all day," Sarmiento said.

Now 23, Sarmiento said he still plays video games, but the genre of video games he plays differ from before.

"Not so much role playing anymore, because I feel like it's a waste of time," Sarmiento said. "I have my own life to live."

He said he believes there are a lot of benefits to the Internet technology as well as video games.

Addictions to technology have not been officially recognized by the American Psychiatric Association as a certified addiction, but research on the subject is increasing.

The addiction shares the same basic concept of traditional addictions, because it has to do with over stimulation of the brain, so it over produces dopamine, opiates and other neuro-chemicals, said Hilarie Cash, co-director and co-founder of reSTART, an Internet addiction-recovery program in Oregon.

"The body makes adjustments to that over production of those chemicals, and that's what we call tolerance, and because of the adjustments the brain makes, we go into withdrawals if we don't have access to the stimulants," she said.

reSTART is the first Internet addiction-recovery program, and the people who attended the program have been between the ages of 18 and 28, all of whom were students, Cash said.

Specialists say almost one in five college students meet the criteria for addiction to technology.

"The college-age set is the set that is most highly addicted in studies that look at the ages of people

"I spend most of my time playing video games or sleeping, and I need to focus on school."

» junior Sean Sarmiento

Internet addicts also suffered from other addictions, mainly drugs, alcohol, smoking and sex.

haven't trained your mind to do it," Cash said.

Studies suggest that one in eight Americans suffer from problematic Internet use, according to netaddiction.com, an Web site source for Internet addiction information.

Some of the symptoms of a technology addiction include neglecting friends and family, neglecting to sleep to stay online, feeling guilty, ashamed or anxious, according to netaddiction.com.

Cash said video games could become a avenue of technology addiction.

"You obsess about it, and you think about it when your not playing it," she said "It's what you want to talk about. It's what your thinking and dreaming about."

According to an unscientific poll of 50 students conducted by the *Patriot Talon*, more than 25 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds play video games up to three hours a day.

Cash said creators of video games know how to keep people hooked.

"They know how to build in intermittent rewards at the right place so that we become very hooked,

the Internet technology as well as video games. “(Benefits) like business and social networking, but that’s also the downside,” he said. “You’re up late talking to each other on Facebook or looking at everyone’s photos.”

Sarmiento said he considers cell phones to be an addictive technological medium.

“It doesn’t help that I have an iPhone to check my e-mail, so I always get like notifications on my cell phone,” he said.

His 22-year-old brother Sean Sarmiento, junior kinesiology major said he plays video games three to four hours a day and believes it affects his study habits.

“It’s very time consuming,” Sean said. “I don’t manage my time very well, and I spend most of my time playing video games or sleeping, and I need to focus on school.”

Rebekah Chapman, University graduate student said she believes cell phones can be addicting and can make it hard to relate to people.

“If you have a roommate that’s constantly looking at their phone, it’s hard to be social with them,” Chapman said. “It makes it really awkward. If you can’t get eye contact from someone it’s really hard to have a conversation.”

addicted in studies that look at the ages of people who meet criteria for addiction,” Cash said.

People can become addicted to many facets of technology including, but not limited to, computers, social media, Web surfing, video games or cell phones.

“Whatever it is that they’re engaged with, it’s stimulating, and so it is possible for an addiction to get set up,” Cash said. “When that happens, people start losing control.”

Cash said technology addiction is difficult to manage, especially with students, because it is easily accessible.

“You’re college students, so it’s in your dorm,” Cash said. “You carry it with you. It’s everywhere, and it’s very hard to get away from it.”

Cash defines an addiction as something an individual does repeatedly despite the negative consequences.

Chris Legg, licensed professional counselor in Tyler, said people who acquire technology addictions often try to find a substitute for the life they live.

“People are pretty broken and desperate, and a lot of people are looking for a life outside of their own,” Legg said.

National surveys said more than 50 percent of

manly drugs, alcohol, smoking and gambling. Cash said people need relationships to function properly, emotionally and psychologically.

“Because of this need for relationships, Internet addicts tend to look for fulfillment of that need over the Internet, and they have relationships with people mediated by cyberspace and screens,” she said.

Legg said a major danger associated with addictions to technology is it is not reality.

“You’re not living any type of real life,” Legg said. “You’re not accomplishing any thing.”

Research has shown the correlation between depression and the amount of time people spend online, Cash said.

Technology addictions can cause problems with one’s attention span, social skills, sexuality and general health.

“Addicts are not sleeping usually enough and not getting exercise and not eating well, and sometimes really damage the tendons in their hands and arms, and their eyes are strained,” Cash said.

Attention spans can be affected because the brain is wired according to the tasks asked of it, and technology addictions are short-term tasks, she said.

“It can be very difficult to maintain your attention when writing a paper or reading a book if you

and it’s done actually quite consciously,” she said.

Cell phones are another element of the technology addiction.

“It’s a problem because we are carrying our drug with us, so it’s distracting us and getting us high,” Cash said.

The poll done by the *Patriot Talon* showed that more than 10 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds send more than 100 texts a day.

“The unpredictability of reward gets us very easily hooked,” Cash said. “So when you feel your cell phone buzzing, you hear it ring. It dings you to let you know you got a tweet or something, that is a little bit exciting to us.”

Facebook and social networking sites can also become addicting.

More than 31 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds check their Facebook 20 or more times a day, and more than 60 percent have a Twitter account or a blog, according to the poll done by the *Patriot Talon*.

“If you are being distracted by the desire to check Facebook, it means your interrupting conversations, a book your reading, a paper your writing, a lecture your listening to, so these things are highly distracting,” Cash said.

Leaving on a jet plane

Students take to different methods of holiday travel

Haley Bauman
Pulse editor

During holiday season, students across the country take to the roads, the skies and tracks to celebrate with their loved ones. With gas prices as high as \$2.79 a gallon and rising, students may find more economical sources of transportation with seats available on Amtrak trains and Greyhound buses.

Those leaving Tyler have access to local transports such as Tyler Pounds Airport, the Amtrak station in Mineola and the Greyhound station located off South Broadway.

“Last year, we had 4,952 boardings and (stops) in Mineola alone,” Marc Magliari, Amtrak’s Chicago spokesmen said.

Magliari said that business at Amtrak’s Mineola train, the Texas Eagle, grew during Thanksgiving.

Travel seems to hit its highest point in all forms of transportation during the holidays due to students going to hometowns and other states to see relatives.

“The biggest holiday (for us) is probably Christmas,” Jim Costiloe, Pounds Field associate, said. “A lot of students are going back home during Christmas.”

Pounds field, located on the outskirts of northwest Tyler, offers passengers four daily arrivals and departures, Costiloe said. All of the flights connect at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport with the most visited destinations being New York City, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

Despite the offer of a local airline, students use

DFW, a larger, well-known airport.

“I’m going to Illinois for Thanksgiving,” Dashena Melendon, junior marketing major, said. “It’s where my family is from, and I’m flying out of DFW.”

While travelers raise their frequent flyer miles, the number of passengers who ride buses also increases during the holidays, Tim Stokes, Greyhound media relation’s manager, said.

“The holiday season (is) the busiest of the year with New York City, New York being the most popular destination,” Stokes said.

Transportation agencies such as Greyhound and Amtrak often offer students discounts on tickets, Stokes said. If students purchase a \$20.00 Students Advantages Discount Card, they can save up to 20 percent for trips.

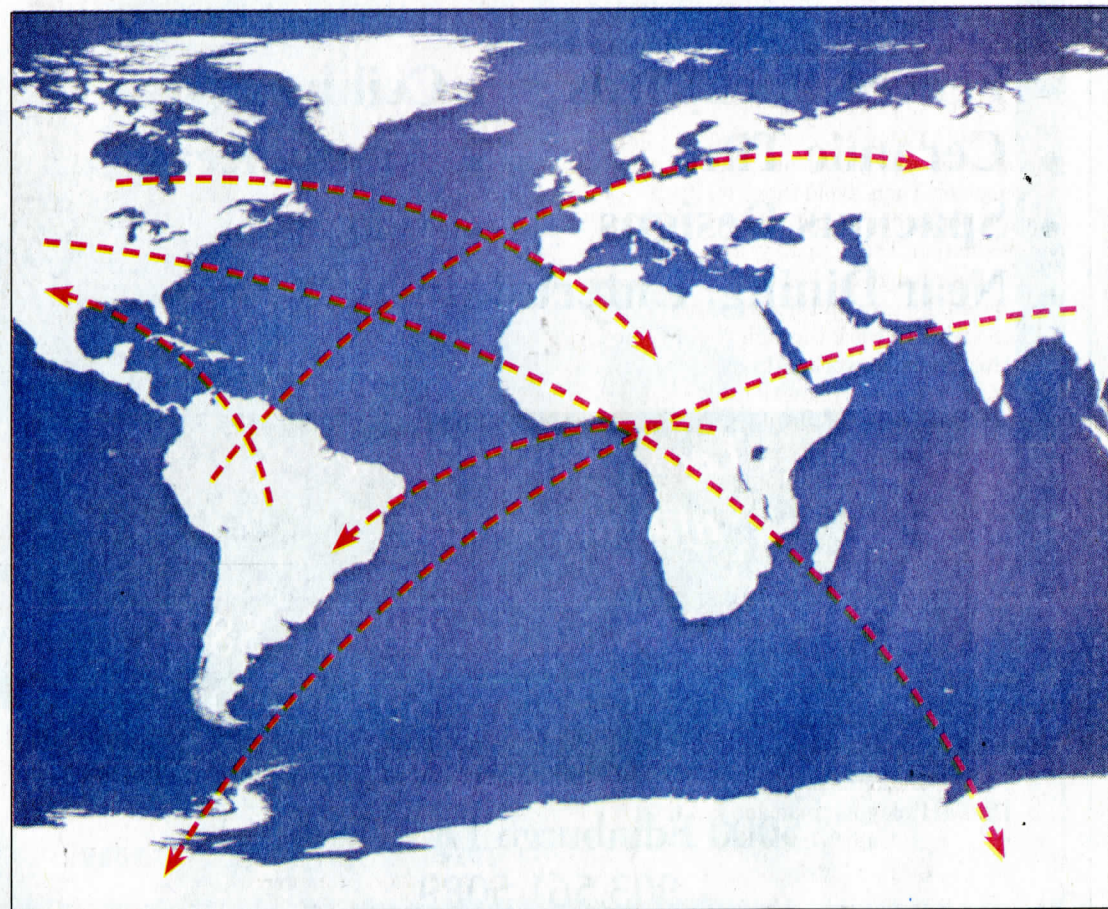
Though many forms of travel are offered at low rates, the airlines were mentioned the most by students.

“I went to Arizona once during the holidays before,” Jared Lumis, sophomore business management major, said. “I’m fine with planes so it’s a lot easier for me and it takes less time.”

While many people fear flying, such as Stephanie Morgan, freshman kinesiology major, students said it is the preferred method of travel.

“I’m scared of airplanes, but I’ve flown to Alaska three times, so I just had to get used to it,” Morgan said.

Whether students travel across the state or across the country, travel officials are adamant about early booking to avoid confusion. Students interested in travel can use sites specifically made for them such



as Statravel.com to help with scheduling, costs and other conflicts.

“The main thing we ask from passengers is to show up on time for their flight,” Costiloe said.

Magliari said the main cause for confusion during the holidays is travelers who are unfamiliar with the process at Amtrak. He said those new to using

the train should be prepared for long connections, possible schedule changes and other common occurrences that happen when traveling.

“Always at Thanksgiving, there are people who are unfamiliar, who only ride (the train) perhaps once a year or have never ridden before, and people should be patient to give the newbies some extra

SGA examines campus policy, proposals

Andy Taylor
News Editor

Meeting agendas for the three previous Student Government Association meetings cover the gamut of topics, including smoking, study days and food services.

Study Days

President Sara Khalifa provided a progress report for the proposed study-days resolution. Dr. Peter Fos, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said he supports the SGA proposal.

"I'm in favor of anything that helps students succeed," Fos said. "But there were a couple of points that we'll need to look at."

The senate unanimously approved the study-days resolution last month. The proposal limits the amount of classroom activity in the five business days immediately preceding final exams if approved by administrators.

Khalifa said the points in question include the number of study days and the issue of "academic freedom," due to restrictions placed on what material may be covered by professors.

The Faculty Affairs Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee—on which Khalifa and senator Bradley Pennington serve—plan to examine the issues, she said.

Smoking Reform

Vice President Kortlan Porter recently met with officials from People

Educating Communities About Tobacco to discuss on-campus smoking.

"We are currently deciding whether to pursue making the campus smoke-free or to establish designated smoking areas," Porter said.

PECAT members offered to help SGA members implement smoking restrictions on campus in any way possible, he said.

"I've been a member of PECAT for 6 years now," senator Nakia Dupree said. "I'm very excited as a senator to see something being done."

Food Services

Food Services Director Shannon Mariani addressed the subject of campus-dining options, including the status of the vacant area once known as "Har-

vey's by the Lake," located under the Hudnall Pirtle Roosth building staircase.

"Harvey's was an off-the-cuff idea," Mariani said. "There just wasn't enough space."

Students voiced several ideas for what to do with the space, including the creation of burrito, sushi and salad bars, he said.

"We've contacted an outside vendor regarding the sushi bar idea," he said. "It's worked well with some other campuses, and we could possibly have it in the spring."

Pizza delivery to the Ornelas Hall dorms is also a possibility, Mariani said. The Met staff is prepared to deliver pizzas, starting at \$5.99.

BUDGET

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year for public university students who meet the income and merit requirements.

The grant, established as part of the Closing the Gaps program, aims to increase student success and participation in Texas by providing higher-education financial aid.

"One big goal is closing the gap," Riter said. "The key to that is ensuring students can afford higher education, and the TEXAS Grant is a landmark for that. There's concern from all advocates for higher education of what this will do to young people's ability to afford to attend a university."

Riter said the cuts may be a challenge for students and citizens and could impact tuition in the future.

"The next session is when they will finally get the state deficit and will start looking at different areas like financial aid for students and direct appropriations made to universities," he said. "Obviously, as a member of the coordinating board, I am very concerned about that. We don't want to cut anymore than has to be cut."

Rep. Leo Berman of Tyler, member of the state House Committee on Higher Education, said there are several higher education institutions in Tyler that provide economic benefits to the region.

"If we cut any of those programs, it's going to affect Tyler locally, but I'm going to work hard to make sure we don't cut anything from our colleges and universities," he said. "It's very important to me."

Riter said the state has had two years of growing enrollment, but the cuts could impact universities' ability to continue to

grow enrollment numbers.

However, with agencies all over the state facing possible budget reductions, the formula funding recommendation states, "Business as usual is not an option. Higher education cannot request additional funding without ensuring a better return on the investment ..."

"If it (the cut) is \$25 billion, which is the number we've been hearing, it will impact everybody in the state, including higher education because of the size of the deficit," Riter said. "I would argue all day for not cutting higher education, but the reality is we have a \$25 billion deficit. Everyone in the whole state will share in that."

Dr. Gregg Lassen, executive vice president for business affairs, said the formula for the funding recommendation is being modified to adjust to the current economic situation.

"As budgets were decreased on the funding to universities last time, financial aid to students was increased to offset the higher tuition they thought students would incur," Lassen said. "Now that the cuts are getting larger and applying to students and schools, the idea is to try and tweak the formula."

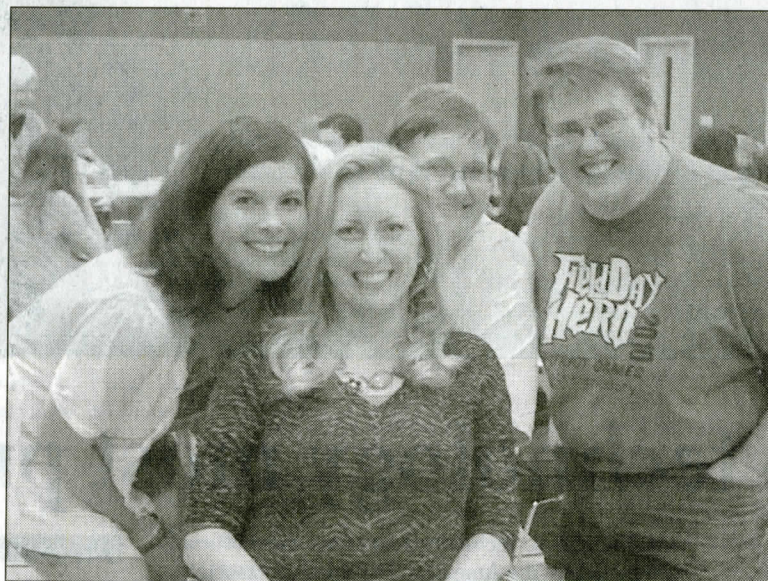
Lassen said University officials do not currently plan to cut student financial aid.

"We are actually trying to figure out ways to raise external scholarship funds to increase financial aid," Lassen said.

The Texas Legislature plans to vote on recommendations and proposals for all higher education funding during the session beginning in January.

BENEFIT

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TALON >> Cheryl Martin

(From left to right) Bridget Fry, Keisha Whistler, Alumnae, Sharon Back and Alyssa Amaral, University employees, attended the Fish Fry Fundraiser at Glenwood Church of Christ on Nov. 10 to benefit Whistler.

Jack Elementary School, met Whistler when she began teaching there in the spring.

"We wanted to do something for a wonderful teacher," parent Bridget Fry said. "We have been very blessed and wanted to return the favor. We wanted to give back to someone who has done so much for our children," Fry said.

Since the accident, Whistler gained back the ability to walk.

"Prayers have been the reason

why the healing is taking place," she said. "This (recovery) has happened in very few cases. I am very blessed."

All benefits from the fish fry go to Whistler, her husband and two boys, ages 11 and 4.

More than 350 people attended the event, with 520 tickets sold raising a total of \$9,029. "All the success and all the praise be to God," Fry said. "Progress has been amazing. It's been wonderful."

Police Reports

The *Patriot Talon* collected the following information from public reports released by the University Police Department and the Tyler Police Department. All police reports obtained by the *Talon* are public records as defined under Texas Open Records law.

November 10

• Criminal trespass

Police issued a criminal trespassing warning to a non-student male for solicitation of magazines on campus.

• Indecent exposure

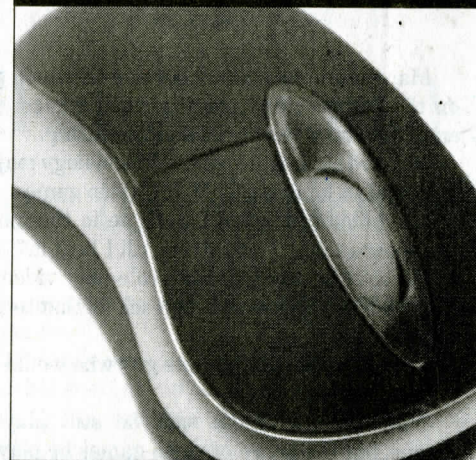
Police dispatched an officer to the Ratliff Building South in response to a complaint of indecent exposure. Officials issued a timely warning to students with a description of the suspect following an unsuccessful search of the area.

November 11

• Possession of marijuana two ounces or less

An officer arrested a student for the possession of marijuana at the University Pines Apartments after receiving a tip from an unnamed source.

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Kid Reach program aims to mentor area youth

Anjelisa Howard
Staff Writer

The Kid Reach mentoring program is looking for adult volunteers to change the lives of at-risk children.

"We have the time of our lives," Coleman Jackson, a 12-year-old student participating in the program, said. "(My mentor and I) have each other's backs, and it is never boring or lame when we are together."

Jackson's mentor, Rodd Wayne, has been a volunteer coordinator for People Attempting To Help in Smith County for four years.

"I do this because I am hoping something good comes out of something bad," Wayne said.

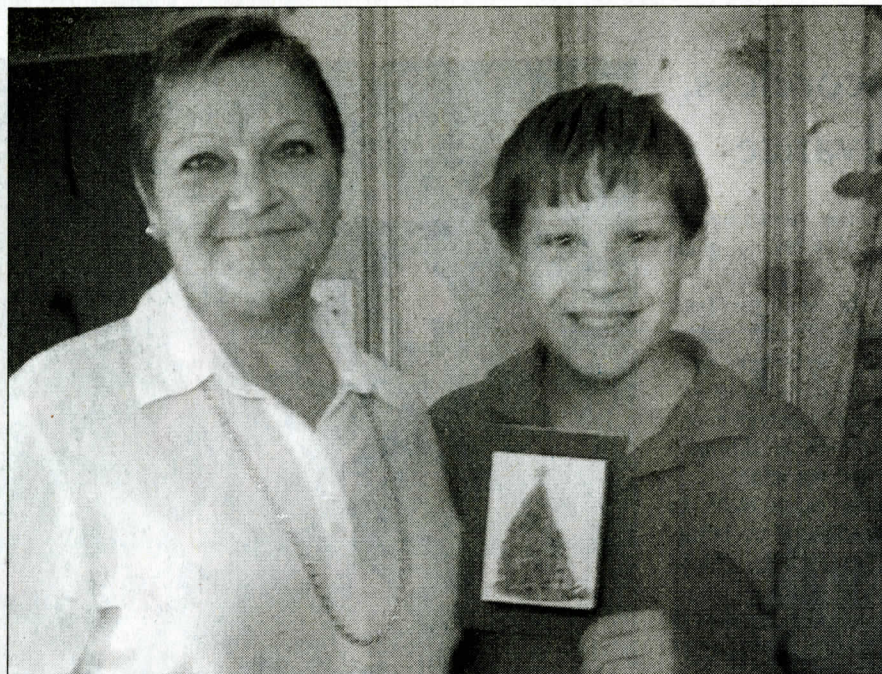
He came into Jackson's life at a critical time. Like many of the children in the Kid Reach program, Jackson was going through tough situations with his family and needed a mentor.

He worked with three mentors before being introduced to Wayne.

"Soon as I met Rodd, it was awesome," Jackson said. "He takes me to church with him, we go out to eat, to the movies; he is just so much fun."

Jackson and Wayne have a brotherly relationship. Wayne even set up a bedroom in his house especially for Jackson.

"I see a lot of me in Coleman when I was his age," Wayne said. "He keeps me



TALON >> Anjelisa Howard

Coleman Jackson, Kid Reach participant, and his mother Debbie Terry show the Christmas card he drew for the PATH Christmas card drawing contest on Nov. 10.

in check with what I am doing now in my life."

Aside from the fun and games, Wayne believes he has made a difference in Jackson's life by teaching him manners and respect.

"These past two years, Wayne has

made such a positive impact in Jackson's life," Jackson's mother Debbie Terry said. "I can't believe how much Coleman has matured spiritually and in his behavior. Rodd is definitely someone to look up to."

With the critical situations Terry and



WAYNE

her family were facing four years ago, she knew Coleman needed someone he could depend on.

Terry found out about the Kid Reach program through her parents who visited PATH for needs

and assistance.

"As soon as I caught wind of Kid Reach and the program's goals, I knew it was something that could benefit Coleman."

Kid Reach is a program in which at-risk children ages 6 to 17 years old are recommended by school counselors, family members or friends because of situations they are encountering.

The individual who refers the child completes an application, and the child and his or her guardians are called for an interview to obtain basic information.

Mentors aged 18 and older are recruited after completing a similar application process and interview. The mentor and child are matched based on their gender and personality traits.

When the child and adult are matched, they have an introductory meeting. The pair must then sign a contract requiring them to spend a minimum of four hours a month together for one year.

Most of the mentors extend their time to strengthen the relationship they plan

to build with the child.

"All the children really need is a friend," graduate student Johanna Torres said. "Someone who will be there for them."

Torres began working for PATH: Kid Reach in July 2010 because of her willingness to work at a non-profit organization.

"I have never worked for a mentoring program until now," Torres said. "And the biggest realization I have witnessed is just how much mentors do make a difference in a child's life."

Most of the children come from low income, single-parent families, she said. Some are even raised by their grandparents or older siblings.

"There is no way you will ever get rid of me. There is nothing you could ever say or do that would ever make me not love you," Wayne said to Jackson at the beginning of their match.

Kid Reach offers both community and school based volunteer opportunities and is always searching for mentors. Male volunteers are especially important due to the extensive waiting list of at-risk boys.

"It's like finding the cream filling surprise in a cupcake," Wayne said. "At the end of the mentoring year with your child, you think, 'Wow, that kid changed me (and) broadened my life to the more important aspects.'"

Group allows students to give back

Ben Bradley
Staff Writer

Young Life-College, a student organization at the University, aims to help college students step out and stand up.

Members place college students in a role to help mentor high-school and middle-school students in surrounding areas.

"Young Life helped me gain confidence and learn how to reach out to others," James Garrety, kinesiology major and copresident of Young Life-College, said. "It also challenged me with being a good example and gave me the ability to be bold in other areas of my life."

Garrety said he started helping with Young Life-College when he went to a summer camp to help high-school students.

He said it also helped him feel more empathy and see the needs

of others more easily, and having people look up to him for a positive example encouraged him to live differently.

"Young Life-College encourages college students to become leaders and stand up for morals, their faith and what they believe," he said.

Johnny Russell, Young Life-College area director for Tyler, said the purpose of the organization is not just to give students a place to hang out, but to give them a sense of purpose and direction.

"Young Life-College is about teaching college students to give their lives away while living in a world that says otherwise," Russell said.

Russell said he hopes that Young Life-College can start full swing next semester.

Rachel Walker, English major at Tyler Junior College, began at-

tending Young Life-College her senior year of high school, and she has since started working as a mentor to Hubbard Middle School students.

"Young Life helped me gain friends that helped me grow," Walker said.

She said she believes it helped her improve her life socially and spiritually.

Kristi Marino, University Coordinated Admissions Program student, was an active participant in Young Life-College as a high-school student.

Marino said she really admired the college students who made a real difference in her life.

"The college students that mentored me really helped me get through some of my high-school struggles," Marino said. "It was really helpful to get advice from mature individuals with strong values."

Tyler APO provides students with volunteer opportunities

Brandy Borque
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi Omega Extension Group, a community service and leadership organization, focuses on volunteer opportunities around Tyler for University students to participate in.

"We are like a college level boy scouts, yet co-ed," said Amber Amerson, a sophomore English major and president of the campus APO.

"Our three main goals are friendship, leadership and service, and we want to get the word out there that we are here with opportunities for everyone to get involved no matter how busy they are."

APO is sponsored nationally by Habitat for Humanity and meets weekly with volunteer coordinators from Tyler to provide service information at the University.

The group has 30 members and provides opportunities to help complete volunteer services in one day for people who want to volunteer but don't have time to commit to an ongoing organization.

There are also ongoing opportunities for people

who can make a bigger time commitment.

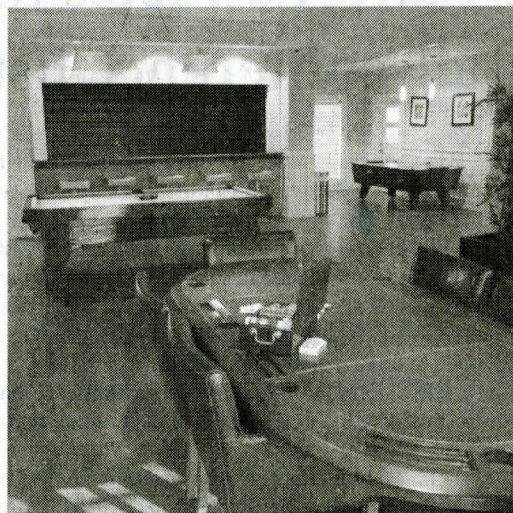
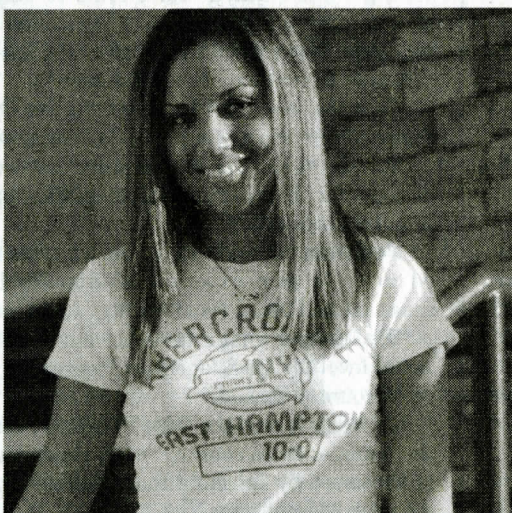
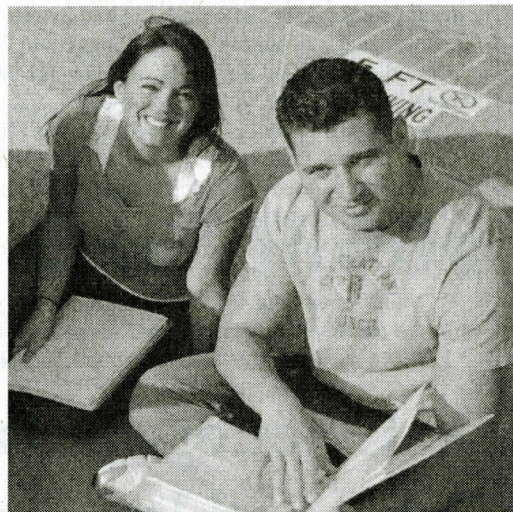
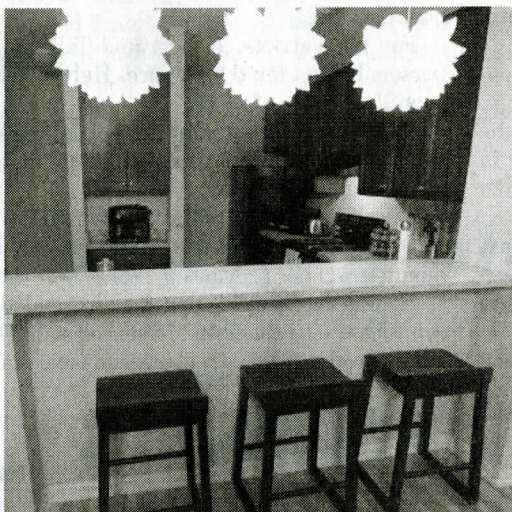
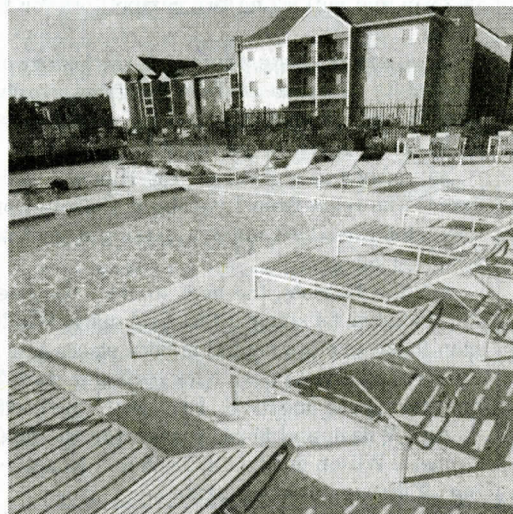
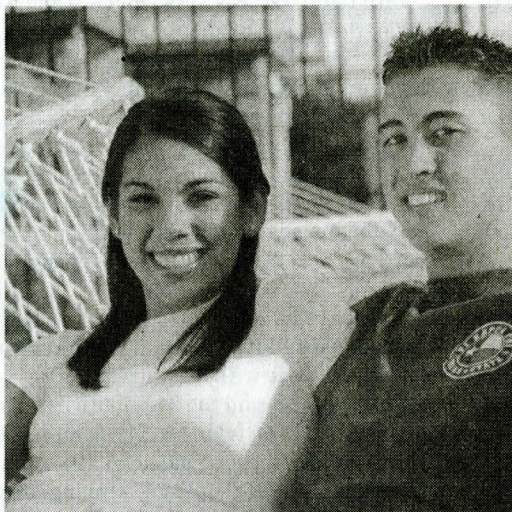
"We have so many different ways for people to get involved," Amerson said. "I thought at first it would be limited, but I have had more volunteer opportunities through APO than I had in my entire high school career."

APO at the University is hoping to have national chapter status by spring and will be open to those who pledge. "We are not associated with Greek Life, which is something we really want people to know. Right now we have 30 members, and we would like that to be more since there are many opportunities in Tyler we would love to get more people out to."

APO is scheduled to help Habitat for Humanity on Dec. 4 with a project that is part of four new houses being built by the organization in Tyler, Amerson said.

"Anyone can help with these opportunities. All they have to do is come to a meeting to see what they can do," Amerson said.

APO meets 3:30 p.m. Thursdays in UC 3400. There are no dues to join.



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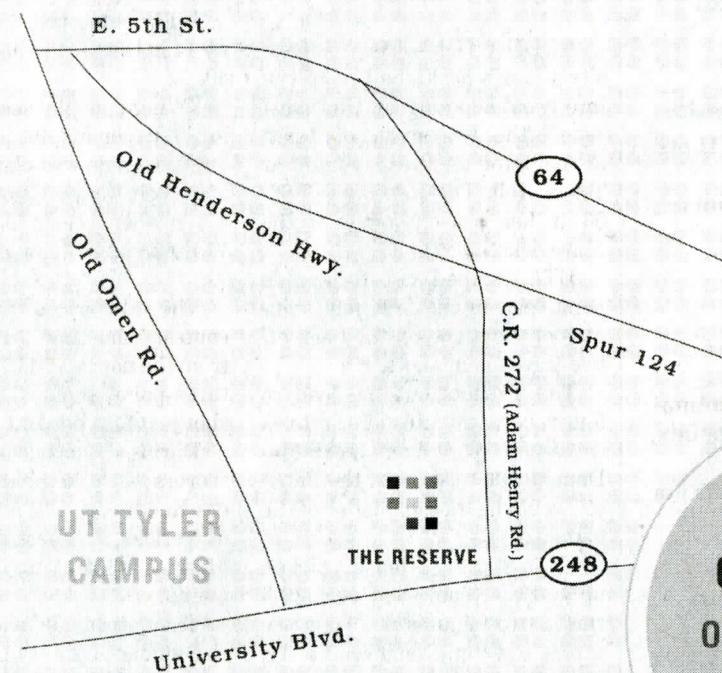
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Oct. 28 at Pineville, La.
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UT Tyler 0

Nov. 6 at Home
UT Tyler 1,
Mary Hardin-Baylor 0

Nov. 7 at Home
UT Tyler 2,
Mississippi College 1

Nov. 12 NCAA Tournament
UT Tyler 1
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 0

Nov. 13 NCAA Tournament
UT Tyler 0
Trinity 1
Trinity wins 4-2 in
penalty kicks

BASKETBALL

MEN

Nov. 16 at Arlington
UT Tyler 56
UT Arlington 96

Nov. 19 at LaGrange, Ga.
Huntingdon 56
UT Tyler 54

Shootout in Alamo City

#1 ranked Trinity held scoreless, need penalty kicks to advance

Clay Ihlo
Staff Writer

SAN ANTONIO—The University's men's soccer held the top ranked team in the country to a scoreless battle, only to fall 4-2 in penalty kicks to Trinity University on Saturday night in the second round of the NCAA national tournament.

Most of the contest was a defensive struggle for UT-Tyler. The Patriots did get an opportunity in the ninth minute. Brandon Warren's shot, however, went directly to the Tiger's goalkeeper.

Five minutes later Trinity began to attack offensively. A Tiger's received a corner kick after a blocked shot. The Patriots defended well and cleared the ball away several seconds later.

The two teams continued to create anything on offense, a testament to the defense of both teams, and the half came without a score.

The Tigers quickly moved the ball down field in the second half and put a shot on goal five minutes. Mark Oliphant was able to corral the ball to keep the game scoreless.

With 29 minutes remaining in regulation the Patriots received a throw in near their goal. A lone shot faded wide of the goal.

Both teams traded offensive

possession or the remainder of the second half with no goals scored.

Same can be said for both overtime periods. Trinity almost ended the game with three minutes left in the first overtime.

A free kick made its way inside the box and a header skimmed the cross bar and out of play.

The Patriots came close to winning in the second overtime. A corner kick found Warren who headed the ball down.

The Tiger keeper knocked it away on the bounce and blocked a second shot several seconds later.

After the second overtime ended without a goal, the game moved to penalty kicks. Trinity shot first and Nima Naderi scored. Jake Urbaniak answered on the Patriots' first kick.

Oliphant put a hand on Trinity's second kick, but was unable to keep it from scoring.

Jared Taylor shot second for UT-Tyler and his shot was blocked cleanly.

Yuri Rideiro and Justin Ne-Smith each scored to bring the score to 3-2 after three rounds of penalty kicks.

Trinity's fourth shooter Christopher Schardo bounced his shot off the crossbar. Unfortunately, Jesus Morteo's shot went wide for the Patriots.



TALON >> CLAY IHLO

Jared Taylor defends against Nima Naderi in the second round of the NCAA tournament in San Antonio. The Patriots fell to the #1 ranked team in penalty kicks after a scoreless regulation and overtime periods.

Zachary Garic teed up the ball with a chance to end the game and did so with a shot to the right that found the net to send the Tigers to the third round of the playoffs.

"We didn't lose tonight, we got beat," head coach Kenny Jones said. "You can't deny their talent level. They deserve to go on, just like we would've deserved it had we won."

The Patriots won the first round game of the NCAA tournament against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, scoring a goal in the first half and shutting out the CMS's offense.

Elijah Shipman ends the season leading the Patriots in points with 18 and second on the team with seven goals. Fifty-five percent of his shots were on goal.

Chris Powell led the team with

eight goals, and finished second of the team with 16 points.

The Patriots' defense allowed only 11 goals all season while scoring 44.

They also record six consecutive shutouts in conference play. They led the conference with 36 goals in 12 games.

The Patriots end their season with a 13-2-2 record and ranked 16th in the country.

Runners fare well at Regionals, Chandler advances to Nationals

Jake Waddingham
Sports Editor

MEMPHIS—Team captain Cody White stood in front of a rain-soaked Patriots' men squad Saturday morning at Shelby Farms, the host site for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III South/Southwest Regional Cross Country Championship in Memphis, Tenn.

"What lies beyond that finish line is yours; take it," White yelled in his pre-race speech.

Jeff Chandler did just that, leading the Patriots squad to a 14th-place finish, crossing the finish line

training begins with a new focus on the 2011 track season.

"It has been an awesome year because they are such a great group of guys," White said. "We are so young. It gives us a positive outlook for next season."

Hepler agreed the squad has a big upside in the future and said the team could be competing on a national level.

"I have never been around a more excited group of young men that I have no doubt will put in the work the coaches demand from them," he said.

The women Patriots set three personal bests



Patriot stat leaders:
Jonathan Joyner - 10 points
Michael Johnson - 8 points
Lance Murphy - 8 points
Erik Roo - 8 points

Nov. 20 at LaGrange, Ga.
LaGrange 54
UT Tyler 63

Patriot stat leaders:
DeJon John - 12 points
Jacob McDonald - 9 points

Nov. 23 at Home
LSU-Shreveport
UT Tyler

Nov. 27 at Home
Hardin-Simmons
UT Tyler

Nov. 29 at Home
McMurry
UT Tyler

WOMEN

Nov. 15 at San Marcos
UT Tyler 45
Texas State 69

Patriot stat leaders:
She' Cara Humphrey - 11 pts,
4 rebounds
Paige Parrish - 9 points

Nov. 20 at Home
Trinity 77
UT Tyler 69

Patriot stat leaders:
Melissa Thomas - 17 points
Lauren Glassco - 17 points,
11 rebounds
She' Cara Humphrey - 15 pts

Nov. 22 at Home
Texas A&M Intern
UT Tyler

Nov. 27 at Home
Hardin-Simmons
UT Tyler

Nov. 29 at Home
McMurry
UT Tyler



TALON >> CLAY IHLO

Patriot newcomer Darren Houliston goes up for a score against UTA's Jordan Reeve. The Patriots lost 96-56 to their Division-I opponent.

Basketball season underway, men's team falls to UTA

Clay Ihlo
 Sports Editor

ARLINGTON—The University's men's basketball team ran into great shooting by Division-I school the University of Texas at Arlington on Tuesday night at Texas Hall. The Patriots fell 96-56 in their season opener to the Mavericks.

UTA jumped out to a nine point lead in the first four minutes of the game on the back off two three-point shots.

The Patriots cut the lead to four several minutes later after a three-point play from Jacob McDonald. It's the closest the Patriots would be the remainder of the game.

The Mavs' offense picked up and the team went on a 10-3 run in two minutes. UTA hit two threes to extend their lead to 17. Their hot hand continued and the Mavericks took a 50-24 lead into the half, UTA shot 54.5 percent in the half, 52.9 percent from behind the arc.

The Patriots' did their best to hang with the D-I ball club in the second half.

Michael Johnson and Kevin Murray hit back-to-back threes early in the second half, but the

Mavericks proved to be too much on offense.

UTA outscored the Patriots by 14 in the second half to win by 40.

"When people see the score in the paper it's not indicative of how the game was played," Patriots coach Kenny Bizot said. "It's tough when a team like UTA hits 14 threes, but I saw positives for us."

The Mavericks finished the contest shooting 51.6 percent from the floor and 46.7 percent on three-point shots. The Patriots shot just 33.3 percent overall.

Darius Richardson led all scorers with 18 points. LaMarcus Reed scored 17 points for the Mavericks, respectively. Kevin Murray led the Patriots with 10 points.

The Patriots did show off their size against UTA, tying the Mavericks with 38 rebounds for the game.

"Playing a team like UTA makes up better," Bizot said.

The Patriots' home opener is 7 p.m. Tuesday against the Louisiana State University at Shreveport. American Southwest Conference play begins Saturday against Hardin-Simmons. Tip-off is scheduled for 3 p.m.

squad to a 14-4 place finish, crossing the finish line in 25:15 and outkicking two competitors for fourth place.

He is now the fastest runner in the history of The University of Texas at Tyler program, coach Bob Hepler said. Chandler bested the school record of 25:34 set by Ben Donnan in 2008.

Saturday's race involved 156 runners in the 8k event. The team from Lynchburg College won the event followed by Clinton Cahall and host school Rhodes College.

For the Patriots, the next to cross the line was J.C. Faubion, finishing at the 27:15 mark. Will Krogman followed close behind in 86th place. Also scoring for the Patriots were Nick Huff and Mark Saroni, crossing the line in 28:11 and 28:17, respectively.

Alex Wilson and Ford Noack were the final two runners. Wilson finished in 28:48 and Noack—coming off illness—finished 29:20.

"The reason I'm running so well is because I have a great group of guys who push me and inspire me," Chandler said. "I couldn't do it without them."

Chandler qualified for the NCAA Div. III national meet on Nov. 20 in Waverly, Iowa.

"Beating the school record was a big wish for me because I knew I could do it, and the fact I did it in poor conditions gave me a lot of confidence for the national race, he said.

He said he already has set his goal for the next race.

"I want to race out front with high intensity and compete for an all-American spot," he said.

For the rest of the Patriot squad, off-season

ASC honors 17 fall Patriot athletes to all-conference list

Seventeen University fall athletes found their name on an American Southwest Conference all-conference team two weeks ago.

The men's soccer team placed four players on the All-Conference first team--Jake Urbaniak, Brandon Warren, Victor Almendariz and goalkeeper Mark Oliphant. Urbaniak was voted the conference defensive player of the year.

Elijah Shipman, and Chris Powell were named to the Second Team. Alex Collins was named to the Third team.

The women's soccer team place seven players on a team. Kristen Chockley, Amanda Weaver, Analiz Medina, Kendall Kramer, Lauren Thomas and Morgan Dux were name First Team members. Lauren Daily was voted to the Second Team.

Krissy Maureau of the Patriots' volleyball team was voted the ASC East Newcomer of the Year. Danika Waldrep was named to the East Division First Team. Teammate Kelsey Winn was named an Honorable Mention.

The women Patriots set three personal bests. With temperatures in the mid 50s and a constant drizzle, the conditions may have been less than favorable for spectators Saturday, but for Jessica Waninger, Missy Hebert and Baylee Talaska, it was perfect running weather.

"It was windier in the women's race," assistant coach Grant Spencer said. "The girls didn't seem to mind because they were so excited to race."

Waninger led the trio, breaking her own school record with a 23:55 time, good enough for 45th place.

"I gave the race everything I had today," Waninger said. "I loved running in the rain although I could have done without the wind."

Waninger also said the 24-minute barrier was the mark she had been trying to break all season.

The women's event included 191 runners with host school Rhodes College winning overall, followed by Emory University and Christopher Newport University.

For the Patriots, Hebert and Talaska also ran personal bests for the 6k race. Hebert came in 93 overall in a time of 25:15.

"The three of us really came together," Talaska said. "Doing well today helped me fall in love with running all over again."

Talaska posted a 25:53 and placed 117.

Over the course of the season she cut almost a minute from her previous personal-best time.

"It was encouraging that the girls ended the season with their best times," Spencer said. "It should get us fired up for a strong season next year."

NATIONALS

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"I got out quick, I didn't come to nationals to sit back and race conservative," Chandler said. "It was hard to recollect myself after the fall, but the race was a great experience for sure."

Chandler also had to adjust to the change in temperature and the large field of competition.

At race time, the temperature hovered at 28 degrees for the 279 runners competing for the national championship.

"Jeff went out and raced, which is what he needed to do to gain experience," Bob Hepler, head coach of the Patriot cross country team, said.

"He learned what it takes to compete at the national level for track and how to prepare for next cross country season."

Chandler is only the third Patriots to compete in the national cross country meet. He earned a spot in the meet by finishing fourth at the South Regional in Memphis on Nov. 13.

He is also this year's Texas Div. III State Cross Country champion, winning the race on Sept. 23 in Seguin, and the American Southwest Conference individual championship, leading the men's team to their first conference title since 2008.

Chandler was also named the ASC cross country Runner of the Week twice during the 2010 season, once on Sept. 10 and the other on Oct. 4.

BASS CLUB

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second place received \$25,000."

Adams said \$5,500 of their winnings went directly to the bass club.

"We are currently discussing how to appropriate the other \$5,500," he said. "We are considering offering a bass-club scholarship."

McClellan said their winnings would really help their club since it receives no funding from the school.

Both Fisher and McClellan are founding members of the university bass club, which began in fall 2009 as an official student organization and recreational club sport.

Kentucky's Murray State University is sponsoring the upcoming event to be held on Kentucky Lake.

The first-place team prize for the tournament is \$50,000 for their school and \$25,000 cash and a Ranger 177TR bass boat for their fishing club.

In addition, the club is guaranteed a spot in the 2011 Forrest Wood Cup, the world championship of bass fishing to be held on Aug. 11-14 on Lake Ouachita in Hot Springs, Ark.

Fisher said he is really looking forward to the upcoming tournament.

"It's a new lake, a new place to fish," he said. "I love a new lake because you can just go fishing."

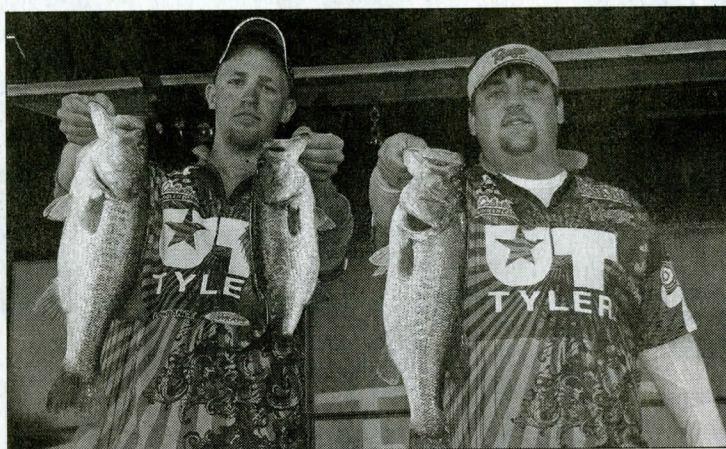
He said when you are fishing in a new place, you don't know where the so-called good spots are, so you can just have fun and fish.

McClellan said it's exciting to represent the University at the national level.

"I think we have a good shot at winning," he said. "There were locals on the lake in the regionals, but there's only one team from Kentucky participating in the national tournament. With the local advantage taken out, that's key."

"FLW Outdoors" on the Versus channel is broadcasting highlights of the regional tournament from noon to 1 p.m. on Dec. 5.

To view videos of the regional tournament, go to collegefishing.com and click on the Texas Regional link or check out UT Rec Sports on Facebook.



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University Bass Club members Tyler Fisher, left, a senior business management major, and Matthew McClellan, right, a senior kinesiology major, hold up their catches during a weigh-in at the National Guard FLW College Fishing Texas Division Regional Championship.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Liquid crystal display (abbr.)
- 4 Rural free delivery (abbr.)
- 7 Confederate States of America (abbr.)
- 10 Red-tailed Hawaiian bird
- 11 Water (Fr.)
- 12 Snake (pref.)
- 14 A (Ger.)
- 15 Ask
- 17 Three (pref.)
- 18 Blesbok
- 19 Big apple (abbr.)
- 20 Kemo
- 22 Agent (abbr.)
- 24 Ingenuous
- 27 Slave of Sarah
- 31 Fare
- 32 End
- 34 Servant
- 35 Auricular
- 37 Saltwort
- 39 Royal Air Force

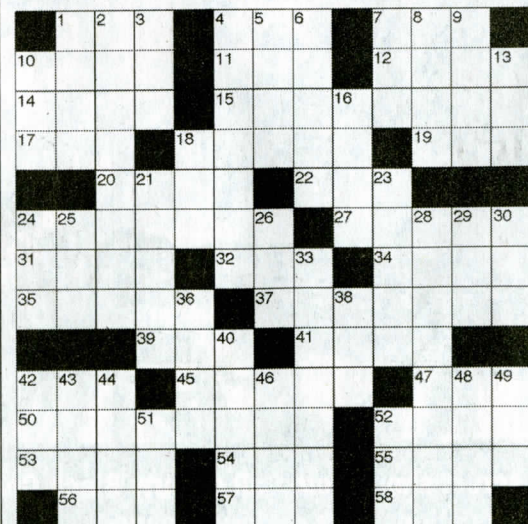
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- 41 New sugarcane shoot
- 42 Negative population growth (abbr.)
- 45 Marked with lines
- 47 Health resort
- 50 Indic language
- 52 Husband of Jezebel
- 53 Wings
- 54 Or nearest offer (abbr.)
- 55 Cleave
- 56 Age
- 57 Soak flax
- 58 Atlantic standard time (abbr.)
- 1 Large Eur. dormouse
- 2 Tea box
- 3 River into the

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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NARC	ALB	IDEA
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	RAM	OZS
SEWAN	PAYABLE	
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ADDA	ABI	UDIC
LAET	BAS	MERE

- North Sea
- 4 Solicit
- 5 Field deity
- 6 Chaperon (Sp.)
- 7 Bed
- 8 Whirl
- 9 Nautical cry
- 10 Ketone (pref.)
- 13 Incorporated
- (abbr.)
- 16 Audible breath
- 18 Compass direction
- 21 Amend
- 23 Dravidian language
- 24 "Fables in Slang" author
- 25 Inlet
- 26 Family relative
- 28 Overshoes
- 29 Trouble
- 30 Recommended daily allowance (abbr.)
- 33 Overcoat
- 36 Gloomy
- 38 Energy unit
- 40 Public excitement
- 42 Nat'l Security Agency (abbr.)
- 43 Pallid
- 44 Grawl
- 46 Cord
- 48 Beat rapidly
- 49 Abdominal (abbr.)
- 51 Expanse
- 52 Altar constellation



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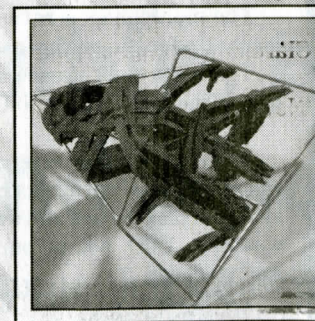
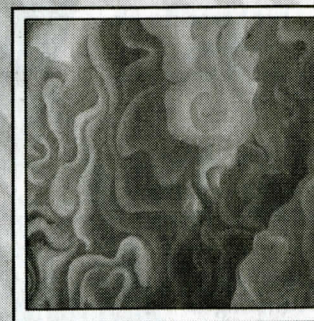
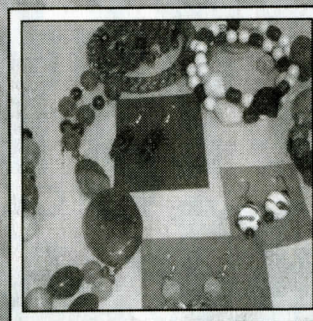
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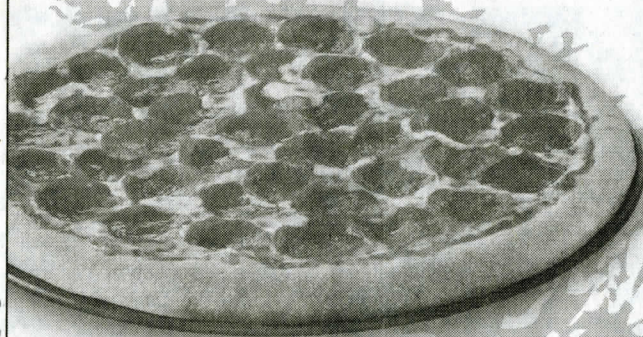
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CALL OF DUTY BLACK OPS

Developers release new edition of CoD

Jacob Bremer
Staff Writer

Treyarch video game developers have made quite a name for themselves in the past few years, and they don't disappoint with Call of Duty: Black Ops, the next installment of their war-simulation series.

Both Treyarch and Activision, their publisher, have done a superb job in making an alternative first-person shooter to Halo, the 9-year-old hit by Bungie.

Players find themselves immersed in a very well articulated storyline, which I believe is the best of the series.

You begin as a soldier who is subjected to questioning, and you play the story through his memories.

Twists lurk around a few corners, which keep the storyline interesting. Perhaps most impressive is how Black Ops does a better job of clearing up storyline confusion than Modern Warfare 2, a game developed by Treyarch's competitor, Infinity Ward.

I rarely experienced bugs, but a few gaming Web sites posted a glitch in the "Battle of Khe Sanh," where the mission never directs you to your destination.

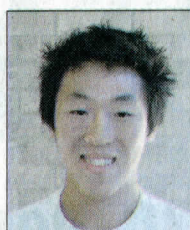
Other than this apparent defect, the campaign storyline and well-rounded gameplay proves to be one of the best Call of Duty games yet.

The multiplayer is revamped but keeps the elements that made earlier games so popular.

The biggest difference in the multiplayer gameplay is the introduction to CoD points.

While earning experience points is important to unlock benefits such as create-a-class, different gameplay modes and availability of certain weapons, CoD points purchase everything else you need.

The system can be a little daunting at first but after a while, even the most inexperienced players can get used to it. The system is actually quite interesting once you fully understand it, and it becomes very important to be sure of what you want.



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You must learn how to spend your points wisely though, because after purchasing something, there is no going back.

There is an even bigger emphasis for CoD points with the addition of Wager Match mode, in which players gamble their game points based on the likelihood they will finish in the top three positions of an online game.

In a nutshell, Black Ops is a very good game with a ton of excellent content.

The campaign is one of the best in the series, and the multiplayer mode won't leave gamers disappointed.

What I found to be the best part of the game is you don't need to be a die-hard fan to appreciate it.

As a Bungie and Halo fan, I rarely stray to the rival series, but I was very pleased to see how easily it was to pick up and enjoy.

Without a doubt, Black Ops is worth any gamer's time.



Four screenshots from Call of Duty Black Ops show gameplay in different locations with various weapons.

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